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SUBJECT: JAPAN SHOCKED BY KING'S FAISAL'S ASSASSANATION:
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1. ALREADY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT ME SITUATION (REFTEL), KING FAISAL'S ASSASSINATION STUNNED JAPANESE BECAUSE OF THE NEW ELEMENT OF POSSIBLE INSTABILITY REGIME CHANGE IN SAUDI ARABIA INTRODUCES. FONOFF (FIRST ME DIV DIR WATANABE) DOES NOT ANTICIPATE SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN SAUDI'S POLICIES, INCLUDING MAINTAINING FREINDLY RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AND THE US. NEVERTHELESS, FAISAL'S CLOSE TIES TO THE US, HIS POWERFUL SUPPORT FOR SADAT'S MODERATE POLICES AND EFFORTS
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TO HOLD DOWN OIL PRICES COULD BE JEOPARIDIZED BY A WEAK OR

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UNSTABLE NEW REGIME WITHOUT FAISAL'S STRONG INFLUENCE.
NONETHELESS JAPANESE BELEIVE KING KHALID AND HIS NEW
GOVERNMENT PLAN TO MAINTAIN FAISAL'S POLICIES. DEPENDENT
ON SA FOR TWENTY PERCENT OF ITS OIL, JAPAN-SAUDI TIES HAVE
EXPANDED RECENTLY AND GOJ SIGNED AN AGREEMENT
MARCH 1 WITH SA FOR BROAD ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AS RESULT. BUSINESS CIRCLES ARE,
REPORTEDLY, ALSO PARTICULARLY SHOCKED OVER FAISAL'S
DEMISE.

2. BECAUSE OF INSUFFICENT TIME TO DISPATACH ENVOY FROM
TOKYO, GOJ NAMED CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN JIDDA, MASAII NOGGUCHI,
SEPCIAL ENVOY TO FUNERAL CEREMONIES. AMBASSADOR TO SA,
SUZUKI, TEMPORARILY IN TOKYO, IS RETURNING IMMEDIATELY TO
SA TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND DETERMINE WHAT FURTHER
GESTURE SHOULD BE MADE. PENDING AMB SUZUKI'S REPORT ,
WATANABE CONFIMRED THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO SENDING
A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL, PERHAPS A CABINET OFFICIAL, NOT
EXCLUDING PM MIKI HIMSELF, TO FORMALLY EXPRESS CONDOLENCES
AFTER THE FUNERAL.
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